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State dollars support Kent County road projects

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LANSING — Communities throughout Kent County will see millions of dollars of added state funding to support road projects, announced Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood.

"I'm pleased to see this investment coming to Kent County," Hardiman said. "These dollars will not only create jobs but support the long-term economic development of West Michigan."

The state is granting \$44 million to help cities and counties to get about \$280 million in matching federal transportation dollars. Republican lawmakers and the governor reached an agreement earlier in the year about how some of the "Jobs Today" program money should be spent.

The Kent County projects include:

- **Cascade Road:** 36th Street to Whitneyville Avenue. Pavement rehabilitation. \$70,000 Jobs Today match. \$1.2 million total project cost.
- **Patterson Avenue:** 92nd Street to 100th Street. Reconstruct roadway. \$160,000 Jobs Today match. \$1 million total project cost.
- **Kalamazoo Avenue:** 52nd Street to 60th Street. Reconstruct roadway. Drainage. Additional center turn lane and signage. \$300,000 Jobs Today match. \$2 million total project cost.
- **68th Street**: Division Avenue to Kalamazoo Avenue. Pavement rehabilitation. \$112,500 Jobs Today match. \$850,000 total cost.
- **Leonard Street:** Carpenter Avenue to Oakleigh Avenue. Reconstruct street with utility placement. \$198,000 Jobs Today match. \$1,870,000 total project cost.
- Wealthy Street: Division Avenue to Lafayette Avenue. Reconstruct street including transmission water main, combined sewer separation and sanitary sewer reconstruction. \$163,500 Jobs Today match. \$9,124,000 total project cost.
- **Fuller Avenue:** Franklin Street to Wealthy Street. Reconstruct street including combined sewer separation and sanitary sewer reconstruction. \$237,000 Jobs Today match. \$6,488,000 total project cost.